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ENGLISH INJUSTICE

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RICH THROUGH FRIENDSHIP

Friend of Cheshire Man Left Three Quarters of a Million-Desperate Struggle In Counterfeiting Den In Darkest London.

London, Feb. 15 .- Turning his gift of divination from fiction to fact. Sherable achievements as the career snuffed out by his untimely -or was it timeso stirred the public mind that mass his friend, Mr. John Elliott, expressing free pardon and an inquiry into the manner of his trial and conviction, with sentence to seven years impris-

Mr. George Edalja, a law graduate, was a practicing solicitor in Staffordshire, where a series of midnight outrages, involving the maining of horses. ed the public mind. Anonymous letter of the joint fortune of the Lears, sheep, and other farm animals, excitwriting figures in the matter, and it through the more tie of friendship. The was those letters which first directed suspicion toward Mr. Edalji. However, a more direct charge-that of maining a horse-was brought against him, and he was sent to prison. Sir Conan Doyle characterifies the case as a gross miscarriage of justice, and after reading his analysis of the evidence feiters' den in the Bethnal Green secthe public is convinced of the correct- tion of London was described in court ness of his view.

Starting on his investigation withbut any preconceived opinion-having making counterfeit coin. Surprised at become interested in the problem it presents almost by accident-Sir Conan Doyle is led to the firmest conviction that evidence given against Mr. Edalji was entirely inadequate, open to suspicion where it looked strongest, and utterly inconclusive in the fact of the inherent weakness of the case for the prosecution and the impregnable alibi established for the defense. A verdict of guilty upon such evidence would have been impossible in a higher court, and it is a disgrace to the English judicial system that a conviction so arrived at should be allowed to stand. The iniquity of the proceedings burst on the public the moment Sir Conan, full of confidence as ever in his deductions and still imbued with his infallibility, announced the results of hs study of the case,

Home Secretary Gladstone, who sits In judgment on cases alleging miscarriage of justice, is being showered with protests and petitions in behalf of Edalji, and has given audience to Sir Conon Doyle, but forcing the hand of the home office is rarely brought about. It was the home office that stood out

properly and find an opportunity to anide, the most fata lof poisons. inform the Commons adequately about same, to Sherlock Holmes.

a windfall of three-quarters of a mil-Cheshire. It was the last testament of Mr. James Goddard Lear, who died in 1901. He was believed to have died intestate, and his brother Mr. Charles Hutten Lear, was appointed administrator of the estate. Dying two years later, the brother, Charles, left his own fortune of upward of half a million to the hope that he would give effect to any directions possibly left by his brother, James, with respect to the pro- ham with a cargo of timber was roundperty. After six years the latter's will ing Cape Horn, when its crew met with as that been discovered and admitted to probate. It shows that James left and therefore it forms part of the es tate left by Charles to his friend El-Hott, who thus becomes the possessor story loses none of its strange interest from the fact that, while a friend of Charles Lear, the beneficiary was not even acquainted with the man of the

when Charles Croney and Mary Sulli van were arrainged on the charge of work in their "mint" the prisoners had offered no resistance, but made a fran-While the detectives were searching the room for evidence, Croney selzed a saucer containing a liquid used in counterfeiting and put it to his lips. He was selzed by the throat to prevent him from swallowing the stuff. He fought like a tiger, but was choked into a state of insensibility and an emetic forced down his throat, "It's no use," shouted Croney. "You can't help; me. It's cyanide of potassium, and I've

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against the sentiment of the world in swallowed enough to kill a dozen men." the Maybrick case, and that yielded Meanwhile the woman counterfeiter so reluctantly in the Beck case—an- had also made desperate attempts to other instance of flagrant injustice- get hold of another saucer of the liquid and it is uplikely that Sir Conon Doyle but two of the detectives closed with

it. As there are serious national ques- lant altempt to shield the woman. tions involved, the home secretary will Addressing the magistrate, he said: police broke in. It's the first time she pathetic consideration, thanks, all the has ever seen such a thing. I couldn't get the stuff out of the way in time." sion. Croney's spirit of self sacrifice had no satisfactory result, but on his supplemental plea that Mrs. Sullivan had two little children to care for the magistrate said that he would allaw her ball, while Croney was remanded

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long and fifteen feet high is the latest story of fearful adventure at sea. The out of their bunks, and rushed on deck schock came tumbling down on the deck, and but for the great deckload of timber the Nottingham must have been sunk. This protected the vessel, and the ice rolled off into the ..ea. As there seemed no hope of saving the vessel, the crew took to the lifeboat Through the baze they saw their vessel, firmly wedged in the iceberg which stretched miles away on each side and towered mountain high above them. Such monsters of the sea are encountered only in far southern latitudes, having their origin in the frozen continent about the South pole Blocks of ice were still crashing down onto the deck of the vessel, but when later this ceased the crew succeeded in making their way through the pack and got aboard the Nottingham again. For three days they worked to get out of the grasp of the iceberg again, during which they had no time to sleep. Finally the vessel slipped off into the water and floated out into the open sea. She was found to be leaking badly, but the donkey-engine pump kept the water from increasing and,

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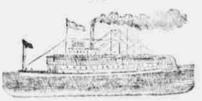
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